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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2005 in which the PTO allowed no claims. In this Response, Applicant submits amendments to the claims and requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 29 of this paper.

A copy of a revised declaration/power of attorney filed November 21, 2003 is attached.